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Abstract

Diarylhaloethanes I ($X = \text{halo}$; $R = H$, $R1$; $R1 = \text{hydrocarbyl}$; $m, n = 0-4$) were heated in aliph. acids (or their salts) to give dehydrohalogenated rearranged products, dihydroxystilbenes II, which were O-acylated. Thus, stirring a mixt. (at 2°) anisole and chloroacetaldehyde with $H_2SO_4\text{-AcOH}$ 1 h at $\leq 15^\circ$ gave quant. (4-MeOC $_6$ H $_4$) $_2$ CHCH $_2$ Cl, which was treated with NaOAc-AcOH 4 h at 100 psig and 200° gave 63% 4-MeOC $_6$ H $_4$ CH:CHC $_6$ H $_4$ OMe-4.